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REMARKS

Dependent claims 46-69 have been added. These claims correspond to cancelled claims 2, 3, 8-14 and 22-24, which depended from originally-filed claim 1.

Applicant submits that the amendment is needed to properly protect the invention. No substantial amount of additional work is required on the part of the Office, because the claims were searched and examined in the context of the originally-filed drug delivery device itself. The subject matter and scope of the new claims correspond to claims that were originally-filed or added during prosecution to depend from now-cancelled claim 1, which is drawn to a drug delivery device. Method claims 15 and 36, which have been allowed, are drawn to methods of using the drug delivery device. The amended claims are patentable as being dependent upon allowable claims 15 and 36.

No new matter has been added by this amendment.

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CONCLUSION

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21629-001.

Should any questions or issues arise concerning the application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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